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CERTAIN OBVIOUS FACTS

In an article on the railroad situation of the northwest, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* argues that the road across the Cascade mountains from eastern Washington to Puget sound is not likely to be completed soon for the following reasons:

The road from Spokane fails to Tacoma via the Columbia river, hence it made profitable enough to pay interest on the capital invested in the construction of the road across the Cascades, while others have protested against it. The former assert that the reason is and should be their only guide, and that all exercises of faith are but the opposite of foolishness, while the latter insist that their faith is not inferior to that of the Christian world though directed toward different objects. Of these two classes the latter are nearest the truth for it is quite probable whether any human being ever existed who believed in nothing which had not been proved to the satisfaction of his reasoning faculties. Earth through the ages has tried to earth us all.

But the country does not afford business enough for all that, and will not for years to come. The *Seattle paper* continues:

Should the Northern Pacific complete its line direct to Puget sound, it would be compelled to make compensation. How could it do so without increasing rates? It has now the whole through transportation. Will it be good policy to run in debt \$500,000 to force its way over the mountains? It has a road to Tacoma, tide water, which cost a great deal more than the cost of building another road.

All this is plain enough yet to make the case plainer still the *Post-Intelligencer* adds:

It is the statement—public and uncorroborated—of Northern Pacific engineers that the cost of having freight to Puget sound would not be less than the amount that is at present by the Columbia river.

This is the view of the whole situation long entertained at Portland, and it is confirmed by the lease of the O. R. & N. to the Northern Pacific.

There probably will be no hurry in pushing to completion a costly road over the mountains, either to take traffic away from the leased O. R. & N., or to haul freight over heavy grades with no reduction of rates. So far as Portland is concerned the outcome of all is that she has abundant reason to be satisfied with her position in relation to the railroad system of the northwest. Yet she has no objection to the completion of the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific, no matter how quickly and how soon. Circumstances will make it impossible to operate that road against her interest and Portland therefore has never been actuated by any motive of selfishness or any sense of insecurity against it. Feeling that she could afford to be generous her influence has never been exerted for forfeiture of the land grant of the Cascade division, but on the contrary it has been employed against forfeiture and in favor of construction of the road.

H. W. S. NEW MORALITY

A New York organ in its defense of G. Cleveland against the charge of immorality, are mutually satisfactory and not in violation of the laws of nature. They are no one's business but their own. And this is the new morality of the Pharaohs. The question is from the point of view of the cheap papers of New York that support the democratic candidate. But journals of bolder pretensions have based their defense of the candidate on substantially the same ground. The New York *Evening Post* and the Springfield *Republican* make elaborate arguments which come to the same thing. It is a new doctrine of moral reform, no doubt by an expert political situation. Put as an abstract proposition these journals would repeat this defense of liberalism with distinction and indignation. But when it is the best that can be found for a candidate to whose support they are committed, they accept it, because they have taken their position as organ and must excuse every fault in their candidate. That species of journalism which is known as "organ-grinding" has never reached any lower depth than this.

It appears that what Mr. Cleveland feels now more than anything else is deliverance from his friends. When the dirt scandal first came out they represent that the governor would forthwith sue the *Bulletin* *Times* *Advertiser* for slander. Whereupon that paper offered to verify its allegations by documents and affidavits and that was abandoned. The next dodge was to blackguard the citizens domineered with the exposure. Thirdly the pub. he was told that Mr. Halpin would come out with an affidavit in vindication of his ex-husband, but an absurd woman don't do that kind of thing. She searched a number of his staff to get him to do it, and came back with the story that the woman had harassed her father so relentlessly between Cleveland and herself, so companions in defaming that her father was a master of double-crossing. Cleveland, being a bachelor, assumed the responsibility of the case, and finally we have a statement, telegraphed to-day that his conduct has been exposed in all particulars except his relations with the Halpin woman, and this one case ought not to count. The public will judge how far masters are inclined. The subject and the apology are alike too vile to be dwelt upon.

ASMODEUS

"Gath" in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* has the opening of the question of woman's morals in its higher politics is going to take the same campaign. I perceive this summer into a great range of Washington scandals. There are women in or of Washington society who possess an enormous number of secrets about men never suspected of family aberration." We

doubt whether this prediction will be fulfilled unless the author, who was one of the first to open the "woman question" in the present campaign, helps it on by publishing more of the scandalous intelligence which has been gathered during his long experience as a press man in Washington and New York. But still there is danger that this prediction may be fulfilled, and this is one of the worst effects of having the question opened. For it will familiarize the minds of the people, especially of boys and young men, with the sordid details of the woman's life in a situation to "cast a stone" at any offender. Nothing is more dismoralizing than the prevalence of this idea unless it is the entrapment of the more horrible idea that men with certain physical peculiarities must be unchaste. We believe that both are false and that they cannot be for a moment entertained without serious peril. And it is to be hoped that Ampleas, the demon of scandal, will not be encouraged in his flight over cities and towns with his close-breathing baiting at his back, uncovering the souls of men and opening their doors for the death. Marcellus Muller wrote a profound treatise to prove that a modesty of dress upon her character. It is impossible for those scandals in which the purity of woman is inverted to be handled about in public or discussed in private circles without rubbing the young and unscrupulous of both sexes of the peccable blood of malady, which ate up the flesh and bones of the body.

The male organ is a most mysterious dream of her lover without receiving any benefit or loss of pleasure. The male organ is a most mysterious dream of her lover without receiving any benefit or loss of pleasure. The male organ is a most mysterious dream of her lover without receiving any benefit or loss of pleasure.

On our return from the mountains we were met by a man who had been sent to us by the author of the book. He said that he had written a pamphlet on the subject of the male organ, and that it was

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